Mismanagement in AIIMS

†1217. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have come across the news-item published frequently regarding mismanagement in AIIMS and misbehaviour with the patients;

(b) whether some patients were to go on hunger strike from 15th July, 2002; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken, so far, or proposed to be taken by Government to take action against the employees responsible for this kind of exterme mismanagement in AIIMS and for providing un-impeded treatement to the patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (c) No incident of patients sitting on hunger strike have been reported at AIIMS. The AIIMS Hospital has evolved a comprehensive system for redressal of grievances of the patients attending the hospital's OPD's Wards and Emergency Services.

Implementation of Rent-a-Womb Law

1218. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the highlights/features of the Rent-a-Womb Law;

(b) whether Government have come across any hurdles in its implementation; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to overcome the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. There is no such Law in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Ill-Effects of excessive use of mobile phones

†1219. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to conduct a survey with regard to illeffect of excessive use of mobile phones on the health of common man;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) According to the published literature of WHO, and other agencies there is no conclusive evidence of adverse health effect of use of mobile phones on human beings.

Deaths due to TB

1220. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly half a million people die due to Tuberculosis in the country every year;

(b) if so, the share of Andhra Pradesh in this death toll during the last three years;

(c) the Central funds released to Andhra Pradesh for Tuberculosis control during the last three years; and

(d) the results achieved by the State in controlling Tuberculosis in the State, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (b) TB deaths are not reported under the Programme. However, it is estimated that abour 5 lac people die to TB every year in the country.

(c) Details of Central assistance given to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years are as under:

	Releases (Rs. in lakhs)	
1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
23.59	405.61	175.50

(d) Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP) is being implemented in the country in a phased manner. In Andhra Pradesh, out of 23 districts, 8 are implementing RNTCP and the remaining districts are undergoing preparatory activities for adoption of the revised strategy. The